

I am writing to oppose repeal, exceptions to, and lax enforcement of FCC rules that prevent one company from owning both television and newspaper media in the same market. These rules serve to enhance both the variety of content available to consumers and healthy competition among information purveyors. Allowing giant media conglomerates to dominate a market is no way to promote democratic principles, and monopolies have a history of self-aggrandization at the expense of consumers. I urge you to allow the rule to stand and enforce it well. We have been told this is the Information Age; I hope future historians will not have to look back at our era and declare that the US government sold out the public's right to information to a few large campaign donors.